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WELCOME FRESHMEN

There's a big year ahead of you. Past educational experiences don't count for too much because this year will be different.

You've probably been told that you're the brightest class ever to enter the Michigan Law School--and you are, but that's what's going to make things so tough. The guy next to you is bright, the girl next to him likewise and so on throughout the freshman class. This is why it will be a demanding year academically--not everyone can come out on top of the curve.

Psychologically too it will be a demanding year. Everyone's a little cocky when he first starts but little things keep happening that make you wonder. Last year's frosh read in Res Gestae that one of the Korean War veterans on the faculty felt he would rather charge T-Bone Hill again than go through another freshman year at law school.

But the pressure--academic and psychological--certainly isn't the whole of it. The year can be a great one for you and should be. You're at a fine law school. Your classmates are well-rounded individuals who study hard and still find time for the Bell, football games, parties and work. The pros go out of their way to expose themselves to freshmen. Get to know them. Make as much out of the year as you can. It'll be a good one.

--Sam Tsoutsanis, Editor

FRANCIS A. ALLEN--New Dean of the Law School

Since July 1, 1966, Professor Allen has taken over the Law School's Deanship held on an interim basis last year by Prof. Joiner. Dean Allen came to us from the University of Chicago where he was a law professor. He served on the law faculty here in 1962-63 and has also been on the Harvard and Northwestern law school faculties.

A specialist in criminal law, he served as drafting chairman of the group which formulated and secured passage of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961. This code is widely considered as an outstanding example of substantive criminal law and has been copied by several other states.

In 1961 Prof. Allen was named by then U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy as chairman of his Committee on Poverty and the Administration of Federal Criminal Justice. The two-year study of this committee and its subsequent report led directly to enactment of the federal Criminal Justice Act of 1964.

Among his professional activities have been positions as associate editor of the "Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science" and membership on the editorial board of the "British Journal of Criminology." He has been consultant to the National Defender Project and in 1963 was a faculty member for the Salzburg Seminar on American Studies.

Prof. Allen is the author of the book, "The Borderland of Criminal Justice: Essays on Law and Criminology," published in 1964, and of many articles and reviews in legal and criminological periodicals, chiefly on criminal law, constitutional law and family law topics.

NEW, TOO

Five new professors, one visiting professor and four P&R instructors join the faculty:

Layman Allen, LL.B., 1956; Yale; from Yale Law School. Teaching--Seminar: Symbolic Logic and Legal Communication.

John Jackson, J.D., 1959, Michigan; from the University of California (Berkeley). Teaching--Contracts and Conflicts.

Terrance Sandalow, LL.B., 1957, University of Chicago; from the University of Minnesota. Teaching--Intro and Municipal Corporations.

Joseph Sax, LL.B., 1959, U. of Chicago; from the University of Colorado. Teaching--Torts and Water Resources Law.

Stanley Siegel, LL.B., 1963, Harvard; from the Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Air Force. Teaching--Business Associations.

Visiting this fall:

John Flynn, LL.B., 1961, Georgetown; from the University of Utah. Teaching--Creditors' Rights and Unfair Trade Practices.

P&R Instructors:

Harvey Couch, LL.B., 1963, Vanderbilt.

Richard Keller, J.D., 1966, Michigan.

David McCracken, LL.B., 1963, Illinois.

David Tatel, LL.B., 1966, Chicago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Psurfs, the Law School's four-part men's singing group, will be holding auditions early next week for all those interested. Director Jim Sprowl informs us that there are places open in all of the parts. Details as to place and time of the tryouts are now posted in Hutchins Hall. This group provides an opportunity for exciting, quality singing in a congenial and informal atmosphere.

It's Foreign Student Fellowship Season and all interested seniors are advised to see Mrs. Gomes in 973 Legal Research immediately.

Several secretarial positions with the Law School are available for law wives. Typing skill is required and shorthand preferred. Contact Mrs. Fisher, 926 Legal Research, 764-9332, for information.

Organizations or individuals desiring publication of significant items should type up same (double-spaced) and drop them in the RG mailbox on the third floor of Hutchins Hall.

FAX AND FIGURES: The Freshman of 1965

Last year, 381 students started the year as freshmen. During the year 18 voluntarily withdrew--some because of money, others sickness, and some were just plain disenchanted with this whole law scene.

It was 363 students therefore who took finals as freshmen. Of these 363, 12 finished with below a 1.7 and were put on the "Home" list (Stay home next year). This made the flunk-out rate only 3.3% when five years ago the school was flunking out between 10 and 12%. Why the difference? The quality of the entering student is better.

Last year's freshmen entered with a median LSAT score of 91% and median undergraduate GPA's of 3.0.

Of the 12 who flunked out, however, 3 have been given the chance to get back in. All of these could rejoin the fold by bringing up their averages--and thereby bringing the casualty figure down to 9.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD:

The Board of Directors held its regular Monday night meeting in the Faculty Dining Room. The following business was transacted:

- 1) Submission to the Board of Governors of a proposed change in the regulations regarding outside refrigerators was discussed and deferred until the next meeting when the details will be hammered out. Under present Law Club regulations, residents are not permitted to place refrigerators in their rooms, except those refrigerators owned by the Club.

Report from the Board, cont.

- 2) There are currently openings in the positions of Bookstore Manager and "Quad" Business Manager. (The "Quad" is the Law School yearbook.) Ken Dresner was approved as manager of the Law Club Supply Store.
- 3) The speakers' program for the year is still in the planning stage. Students with suggestions as to speakers and those with contacts with possible speakers are urged to contact either Sharon White or Robert Flaherty (address and phone number through the Law Club office).
- 4) The practice of inviting members of the faculty to dinner in the Club will be continued this year on a monthly basis, with the schedule to be announced.
- 5) The rules governing conduct in the Club were amended. In consideration of those residents with Saturday 8 o'clocks, the closing hour for Friday night parties was changed from 2 AM Saturday morning to 12 midnight Friday. The rule prohibiting entry upon the Quad lawn was made more explicit by expressly prohibiting cutting across the lawn, and the use of the lawn for football and other games.
- 6) Sam Tsoutsanis was named Editor of the Res Gestae.
- 7) Charles Barnhill, the 1965-66 freshman having the next highest number of votes in the balloting for the Board of Directors last March, was named to replace Lynn Bartlett, who did not return to school this term.
- 8) The meal situation in the dining room was discussed but action was deferred.

--Wm. H. Conner

LEGAL AID BRIEFS

The Washtenaw County Legal Aid Society commenced its second slam-bang year of operation last night. Membership is open to any law student who has completed 28 or more semester hours with a C average. Persons interested in joining should attend an educational program to be held Monday, Sept. 5 and Tuesday, Sept. 6 in room 250 Hutchins Hall or make their interest known to either Robert Wills or Pat McCauley.

The Legal Aid Society operates a clinic at 201 N. Fourth manned by student attorneys in two-hour shifts, Monday through Friday. Reception of this service by those unable to afford a lawyer has been quite successful as indicated by the fact that clinic attorneys have processed almost 700 applications for legal assistance during the past year. Of this number 25 have been contested cases. By October about 50 cases will actually have been taken to court by student members--under the guidance of Ann Arbor members of the Washtenaw County Bar.

An application to the Office of Economic Opportunity for operating funds has been made and approved, so the clinic enters its second year of existence with its clerical problems nearly solved.

The clinic's greatest asset however is the wealth of experience represented by its returning members. New students interested in gaining first-hand legal experience are encouraged to give the clinic their assistance.

--Pat McCauley

SPORTS: We Try

Defiantly, we now go out on the limb along with all of the national mags and give you our pro football picks. Res Gestae has pulled out all the stops by visiting the pre-season training camps this year. (You don't honestly believe all that room and board money goes for just room and board, do you?)

Here's how we see it:

NFL

The East

1. St. Louis--They've got everything.
2. Dallas--Speed plus three erratic quarterbacks.
3. Cleveland--Wouldn't win WITH Jimmy.
4. New York--The Young Giants still struggle.
5. Philadelphia--Not enough of anything.
6. Washington--Otto already hears the Coast Guard calling.
7. Atlanta--Should beat Pittsburgh anyway.
8. Pittsburgh--Possibly the worst team in pro football.

The West

1. Baltimore--A healthy Unitas is all they need.
2. Los Angeles--Dark horse with new coach and defense.
3. Green Bay--The young players aren't ready yet.
4. Chicago--Sayers may be that good, but Bukich isn't.
5. Minnesota--Too many other good teams.
6. Detroit--Poor offensive line, poor spirit, poor coach, poor Detroit.
7. San Francisco--No defense.

AFL

The East

1. New York--Namath, need we say more?
2. Buffalo--New coach, new placekicker; second and falling.
3. Boston--Huarte's a year away.
4. Houston--Blanda's finally over the hill...isn't he?
5. Miami--George Wilson, Jr.?

The West

1. Kansas City--Best on paper, again.
2. San Diego--Too many injuries and personnel losses.
3. Oakland--The climate's nice.
4. Denver--No comment.

In the Championship Game: Baltimore over the Jets.

Like I say, we try.

P.S. Anyone with information concerning intramural sports, please call Saul Schultz at 663-3022.

--Saul Schultz, Sports Editor

ADDENDA

NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN

Mr. Kenneth L. Yourd, formerly Assistant to the Dean of the U-M Medical School, 1963-66, is now Special Assistant to Dean Allen. His duties include general supervision of the Law School's placement activities, direction of the Law School's scholarship and loan program and executive direction of the Lawyers Club.

Res Gestae

Roger Marce,
Editor

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DISCUSSED AT ADVOCACY INSTITUTE:

Medical malpractice was the topic of the 15th annual Advocacy Institute, held here on March 20-21. Over 1500 attorneys, doctors and hospital administrators gathered for the lectures, discussions and demonstrations on the legal problems related to the bringing and the defending of such suits. It was pointed out that one doctor in seven can expect to be the defendant in such a suit at some time during his life. Because of this, and because of the increasing generosity of juries, costs of defending such cases has gone up, as has the cost of malpractice insurance.

The program, presented by the Institute for a Continuing Legal Education, in co-operation with the medico-legal problems committee of the state bar association, brought in experts to discuss each aspect of the problem that was touched upon. Professor Marcus Plant gave the opening talk. He stated that doctors have a legal obligation to speak to their patients in plain English. He said that they have a duty "never to misrepresent by words or silence the nature and character of the medical procedure he proposes to undertake."

This duty embraces an affirmative obligation to speak. It means a duty to speak in plain English. Little sympathy is evoked by the occasional assertion that the nature and character of medical procedure cannot be explained without the use of highly technical language." Professor Plant called this communication with the patient an "absolute duty" and said that it includes "an absolute right on the part of the patient to choose whether or not he will submit to the medical procedure involved."

The highpoint of the Advocacy Institute was the simulated courtroom demonstration of two hypothetical cases. The first of these cases purported to involve a man with a painful back injury who was treated by an orthopedic physician. The man was taped up by the doctor and then developed a skin disorder, for which he sued. The second case was that of a woman patient with a leg injury. She claimed that the negligent failure to remove the cast from her leg led to amputation. Both cases were handled by well-known trial lawyers: John Appleman of Urbana, Illinois; William Colson and Murray Sams, Jr. of Miami; Jacob Fuchsberg of New York; R. Crawford Morris of Cleveland and Charles Rush of Chicago. These were followed by critiques by panels of medical-legal experts, which focused upon the techniques used during the "trials." There was then a discussion of the legal problems raised--from both the legal and medical viewpoints, and of the problems in securing expert testimony.

Others taking prominent parts in the Institute were Bernard Hirsh, director of the law department of the American Medical Association; Dr. Charles G. Child, of the U-M Medical School; Prof. John Reed; and Dr. Andrew Watson (a member of both the law and medical faculties.)

STUDENT GROUP TO ASSIST IN LEGAL ASPECTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS:

Students in the law school have recently organized a local chapter of the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, under the tutelage of Professor Robert Harris. The Council has similar chapters at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Berkeley, and nine other law schools.

The aim of the Council is to provide opportunities for law students to contribute their skills to the legal side of the civil rights movement. It circulates requests from civil rights organizations for research on legal problems during the school year. For instance, last autumn students at Yale prepared several legal memos which helped to obtain the release of four SNCC workers from jail in Americus, Georgia.

The Council also sponsors summer projects through which law students participate personally in civil rights programs in the South. Among others, students from Georgetown last summer worked in Danville, Virginia on a case involving the arrest of hundreds of Negro demonstrators.

The local chapter is convinced of the importance of these activities, both as a service to people badly in need of legal aid and as a means of accustoming law students to their professional responsibilities. Anyone interested in further information about topics on which research is needed or on other aspects of the Council program may either contact Michael Smith at 668-8665 or refer to a file of printed material in 843 Legal Research Building.

EDITORS WASTEBASKET:

There's an interesting rumor which occasionally crops up around the Law Club. According to this story, Mr. Chester Gould, creator of Dick Tracy once attended the U-M Law School. It seems that he was just not cut out to be an attorney; and so he checked out after one year. However, he took with him fond memories of a Crimes professor named Tracy, and a talent for drawing cartoons. The story concludes that he combined his memories and his talent and hence, a famous comic strip was born. We don't know how accurate this tale is. However, it is certainly very feasible. Especially if Mr. Gould had had any experience as a Res Gestae cartoonist. Good things always seem to happen to our cartoonists, after they leave us. For instance, Pete Sickinger, our present man with the brush, has recently been offered a lucrative position painting fences. Being an ambitious person, Pete has accepted; and so, the Res Gestae needs a new cartoonist. Here's the opportunity for those of you with artistic talent to combine that skill with your imaginative powers. Earn fame while still young enough to enjoy it. Who knows- you too may find a faculty member to write a comic strip about. Call 665-0746 or write us, third floor Hutchins Hall.

LIBEL AND SLANDER: The dominant feeling in American law is that no person should have his legal rights prejudiced for lack of available counsel. To this end, public defenders have been established in many areas to protect the rights of indigent defendants in criminal cases. For the party to a civil suit, legal aid is generally seen as the remedy. Unfortunately, such programs generally suffer manpower shortages. A solution to this is to enlist the aid of law students. And yet, our law school has no such program. We ask, why has Michigan not followed the example set by many other law schools?? Let's hope the Board looks into the possibilities of legal aid.

MISCELLANEOUS: There will be a Musicale this Sunday, April 5, at 3:00 in the lounge. It will feature the Stanley Quartet; the University of Michigan Chorus, under the direction of Maynard Klein; and a guest pianist (to be announced). After the Musicale, there will be a free Buffet Supper for all persons attending the performance. Students are encouraged to bring their wives, dates, family and friends....There will be a Crease Ball, and it will be on April 11. Tickets are \$3.00, and subpoenas are going for \$.75 (the price includes service by an Ann Arbor policeman)....On Monday, April 6, Dr. F.V. Garcia-Amador, Legal advisor to the Pan-American Union, and former Cuban diplomat, will speak at the law school. He will speak on "Legal Protection of Foreign Investments in Latin America," at 3:30, in room 138....There will be a PAD luncheon meeting in the faculty dining room, at noon, on April 9, (Thursday). Prof. Pollock, of the Political Science department, will speak on "Political Ramifications of the Reapportionment Decisions." Members wishing to be served in the dining room should notify Joel Soule....By the grace of God, and through the ingenuity of Alexander Graham Bell, a quick dialing of 665-0746 will put you in contact with the Res Gestae, thus eliminating the necessity of a special courier. However, for those of you who wish to utilize the outmoded but more graphic forms of communication, written notes to the Res Gestae, Hutchins Hall (mail room, 3rd floor) still reach us.

AT THE FLICKS:

Campus: "The Silence"

Michigan: "The Victors"

State: "Soldier in the Rain"

Cinema Guild: Fri.- "My Little Chickadee" Sat.- "Jules et Jim"

QUADSVILLE QUOTES:

When neither their property nor their honor is touched,
the majority of men live content. - Machiavelli

Go sir, gallop, and don't forget that the world was made
in six days. You can ask me for anything you like,
except time. - Napoleon